

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original): A treated pigment

which is producible by the treatment with a carbodiimide-based compound having at least one side chain selected from the group consisting of polyester side chains, polyether side chains and polyacrylic side chains and at least one basic nitrogen-containing group within the molecule.

2. (Original): The treated pigment according to Claim 1,

wherein said carbodiimide-based compound contains 0.02 to 4 mmol of a basic nitrogen-containing group per 1 g of said compound.

3. (Currently amended): The treated pigment according to Claim 1 [[or 2]],

wherein said pigment has an adsorption part with a basic nitrogen-containing group.

4. (Currently amended): The treated pigment according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1,

wherein said pigment has a functional group reactive with a carbodiimide group, and said carbodiimide-based compound further contains at least one carbodiimide group within the molecule.

5. (Original): The treated pigment according to Claim 4,
wherein said pigment having a functional group reactive with a carbodiimide group is an
organic pigment or carbon black having a functional group reactive with a carbodiimide group,
said functional group reactive with a carbodiimide group having at least one functional
group selected from the group consisting of a carboxyl group, sulfonic acid group, hydroxyl group
and amino group.

6. (Currently amended): The treated pigment according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~ Claim
1,

wherein said carbodiimide-based compound has a basic nitrogen-containing group in the
main chain.

7. (Currently amended): The treated pigment according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim
1,

wherein said basic nitrogen-containing group is a tertiary amino group or a
nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group.

8. (Currently amended): A pigment dispersion composition
which comprises the treated pigment according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1 and
a dispersion medium.

9. (Original): A compound for pigment treatment which is a carbodiimide-based compound having at least one side chain selected from the group consisting of polyester chains, polyether chains and polyacrylic chains, and at least one basic nitrogen-containing group within the molecule.

10. (Original): The compound for pigment treatment according to Claim 9, which is a carbodiimide-based compound further comprising at least one carbodiimide group within the molecule.